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Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Partial Transcript;
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Date: September 18, 2001

From: New York TRACON

Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Aircraft Accident File N90-TRACON-

This transcription covers the New York TRACON Traffic Management Departure Director position for the time period from September 11, 2001, 1240 UTC to September 11, 2001, 1244 UTC.

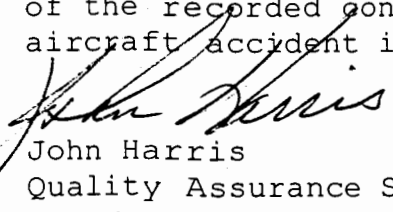
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New York TRACON, Departure position
Boston Center
New York Center

Abbreviations

TMUDD
ZBW
ZNY

I hereby certify that the following is a true transcription of the recorded conversations pertaining to the subject aircraft accident involving AAL11:


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1240:23 TMUDD tracon

1240:24 ZBW okay tracon hi boston center uh good
morning american eleven uh seven
sixty seven possible hijack

1240:32 TMUDD okay american eleven seven uh seven
five

1240:36 ZBW seven six

1240:36 TMUDD and uh desti uh where's he landing

1240:38 ZBW uh right now we don't have any idea
but uh he was to the northwest of
albany and now he's uh down by sparta

1240:47 ZBW losing speed

1240:47 TMUDD okay

1240:47 ZBW descending rapidly we believe he's a
primary only and uh we believe he's
in a descent that's why he's uh he's
(unintelligible)

1240:59 TMUDD i'm just trying to uh and he's around
the sparta area now you say

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1241:02 ZBW yeah he's around the sparta area
right now

1241:04 TMUDD wow i just don't see anything uh

1241:06 ZBW he's just a primary target right now

1241:08 TMUDD yeah i'm looking pretty hard for any
kind of primary target it's we still
should be able to see it and i don't
see uh

1241:13 ZBW i i do have something on the c s c if
that gives you an idea uh which way
he's heading

1241:18 TMUDD yeah i'm just looking at the real raw
radar here and i just don't uh i just
don't see anything out there uh i'll
start i'll let the area know to start
looking for it what was his altitude

1241:27 ZBW we don't have any idea of what
altitude the last altitude we had uh
was flight level two nine zero but uh
his uh speed has diminished quite a
bit

1241:35 TMUDD okay

1241:35 ZBW we believe he might be in a descent

1241:37 TMUDD okay alrighty i'll uh i'll pass it
along to the sector

1241:40 ZBW okay just be careful

1241:41 TMUDD i understand

1241:42 ZBW check

1241:42 TMUDD check

1241:43 TMUDD boston

1241:43 ZBW yes

1241:44 TMUDD tracon

1241:44 ZNY yeah tracon center

1241:45 TMUDD yes

1241:46 ZNY hey listen just uh just for your
information it may not involve you
guys but it's a chance it may

1241:50 TMUDD american eleven

1241:51 ZNY yeah you know all about it

1241:51 TMUDD no i just got a call from boston but
i i don't even see the guy anywhere
they're they're saying he might be a
primary target somewhere around
sparta

1241:57 ZNY no transponder primary target only
thirty miles due north of the kennedy
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1242:35 ZNY we don't have mode c we're going to try to get an airplane close by

1242:37 TMUDD okay

1242:38 ZNY and we're going to see verify his altitude if he's still high which means he's going to go someplace south but we we we were concerned he he was going to land land at kennedy with no advance notice

1242:46 TMUDD okay let me put a uh okay understand uh understand i'll let the areas know

1242:52 ZNY hold on a second

1242:53 TMUDD okay

1242:57 ZNY okay uh it it's been confirmed by another airplane about five miles ago he was still level two nine zero so it looks like he's not gonna go to kennedy

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1243:04 TMUDD alrighty

1243:04 ZNY but we'll keep you advised

1243:05 TMUDD okay thanks

1243:06 ZNY thanks a lot

1243:06 TMUDD yep

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